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SUBJECT: JAPAN'S AGGREGATE TRADE DATA - APRIL - PROVISIONAL

1. SUMMARY: SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, JAPAN'S EXPORTS ROSE IN APRIL BUT IMPORTS DROPPED, ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY CUSTOMS BASIS FOREIGN TRADE DATA RELEASED BY MINISTRY OF FINANCE (MOF) MAY 16. ADJUSTED EXPORTS ROSE 3.6 PERCENT DURING APRIL (OVER MARCH), FOLLOWING 3.7 PERCENT MONTHLY GAIN IN MARCH. APRIL IMPORTS, ON THE OTHER HAND, DROPPED 6.1 PERCENT, AFTER LARGE 10.2 PERCENT INCREASE IN MARCH. EXPORT GAIN VIRTUALLY ALL ASSOCIATED WITH SURGE OF SHIP DELIVERIES DURING THE MONTH. APRIL DECLINE IN IMPORTS CAN BE MORE THAN EXPLAINED BY SHARP DROP IN CRUDE OIL IMPORTS. (SHIP DELIVERIES AND OIL IMPORTS COMPARISONS ARE BASED ON SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES BY EMBASSY).
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END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING ARE PRELIMINARY MOF DATA ON APRIL CUSTOMS BASIS FOREIGN TRADE, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, IN MIL DOLLARS, WITH YEAR-OVER-YEAR PERCENT CHANGE IN PAREN:

APRIL MARCH

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EXPORTS (F.O.B.) 6,846 (28.4) 7,154 (20.2)
IMPORTS (C.I.F.) 5,727 (11.9) 6,365 (20.8)
(NOTE: APRIL 1977 CUSTOMS EXPORTS IN YEN 1,887,490 MIL
AND IMPORTS 1,580,183 MIL.)

3. SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA FOLLOW IN MIL DOLLARS WITH
PERCENT CHANGE FROM PRIOR MONTH IN PAREN:

	APRIL	MARCH (REV.)
EXPORTS (F.O.B.)	6,815 (3.6)	6,575 (3.7)
IMPORTS (C.I.F.)	5,744 (MIN 6.1)	6,118 (10.2)

4. JAPAN'S APRIL EXPORTS TO AND IMPORTS FROM U.S.,
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5. JAPAN'S CRUDE OIL IMPORTS (C.I.F., NOT SEASONALLY
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	APRIL	MARCH
DOL VALUE (IN MIL DOL)	1,708 (MIN 9.4)	2,352 (31.0)

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QUANTITY IMPORTED (IN MIL KILOLITERS)	20.1 (MIN 15.6)	27.9 (23.4)

6. APRIL 1977 MOF PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES OF PERCENT
CHANGES IN INDICES OF QUANTUM AND UNIT VALUE FROM APRIL
1976 AS FOLLOWS (DOLLAR-DENOMINATED, CUSTOMS BASIS):

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QUANTUM	8.2	7.3
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7. FOLLOWING ARE EMBASSY ESTIMATES OF PERCENT
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QUANTUM 1.6 MIN 2.7

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